

CONGRESS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1852.

IN SENATE.

The following memorial petitions were presented and referred to appropriate committees.

By Mr. FISH, from the Chamber of Commerce of New York, asking the immediate removal of the United States Mint from Philadelphia to the city of New York, setting forth its reasons for the same: 1st. Because, whenever there is a large import of foreign coin into the United States, the city of New York receives at least three-fourths of the whole amount. That of the twenty-four millions imported in the year 1847, twenty-one millions came into New York and Boston, in neither of which was there a mint; while in Philadelphia, the seat of the principal mint, only \$250,000 were suggested. 2d. Because from thirty of all the gold sent from California to the Atlantic States, comes first to New York. 3d. Because one-third of the gold furnished by immigrants for coinage is transmitted to the mint from the same city; and 4th, because the merchants of New York pay in two-thirds of the revenue of the United States arising from duties.

By Mr. BROADHEAD: From citizens of Pennsylvania, asking an extension of Woodworth's patent for a planing-machine.

Also, from citizens of the same State, remonstrating against the extension of the patent granted to Zebulon Parker for improvements upon water-wheels.

Also, from citizens of Montgomery county, in the same State, asking a modification of the bounty land laws.

Also, from citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, asking a modification of the tariff of 1840, and an increase of the duty on iron.

The bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary A. McNeil, widow of General John McNeil, was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1852.

Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which had been referred numerous memorials in relation to the claims of American citizens against Mexico, asked to be discharged from their further consideration. In asking to be discharged from these several memorials, Mr. M. took occasion to observe that the memorialists asked to be discharged from their further consideration. In asking to be discharged from these several memorials, Mr. M. took occasion to observe that the memorialists asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

APPOINTMENT UNDER THE CENSUS.

Mr. BOLLAND asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce a joint resolution in relation to the number of electoral votes each State will be entitled to in the Presidential election of 1852. He asked that it be referred to the Committee on the Census.

He introduced, &c. That the number of electoral votes to which each State shall be entitled in the election of President and Vice President of the United States in 1852 shall be equal to the number of Senators and Representatives to which each said State shall be entitled in the year 1850, and the enumeration of 1850, as provided by the act for "taking the seventh and subsequent censuses," approved May 23, 1850.

Mr. B. said, before he would ask for its second reading, with a view to reference, he would remark that there was before them the report of the Secretary of the Interior, showing why he could not make the appointment required by the law of May, 1850, on the basis of the new enumeration, owing to defective returns from the State of California. He thought some declaratory resolution like the one he had submitted imperiously called for, so as to enable the Secretary to perform his duty.

Mr. WELCH then continued his remarks in support of his amendment; but, before he concluded, the House proceeded to other business.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS.

On motion of Mr. HOUTON, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. (Mr. ORIN, in the chair.) The bill explanatory of the bounty land act of September 28, 1850.

IN SENATE.

Among a large number of memorials presented to-day were the following:

By Mr. WALKER: From John H. Sherburne, submitting a plan to save life and property by means of a floating anchorage or breakwater on the lakes. Mr. W. asked that the memorial might be read; which was done. The memorial sets forth that six hundred human lives have been sacrificed, and upwards of a million of property lost on those lakes, which he thinks may be saved, at a cost of less than an eighth of that amount of money. His plan is a floating breakwater or safety anchorage, which can be placed in the harbors of Oswego, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Chicago, and Milwaukee, and will save millions of property.

LAND TO IOWA.

Mr. JONES, of Iowa, moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill granting the right of way and making a grant of land to the State of Iowa in aid of the construction of certain railroads in said State.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The SPEAKER announced, as the first business in order, the consideration of the bill granting to the State of Missouri the right of way and a portion of the public domain to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State, upon which the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. ORIN) was entitled to the floor.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. HUNTER, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill to establish a mint of the United States in the city of New York, reported back the same with sundry amendments.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MEXICAN CLAIMS.

At one o'clock the CHAIR called on Senators to prepare their ballots for the appointment of the select committee on the subject of revising the decisions of the late Board for the settlement of claims of American citizens against Mexico.

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By the Governor of each State, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and to be disposed of by the Legislature respectively of each State, as provided in the fifth and seventh sections of this act, and the proceeds to be applied to aid in the construction of said railroad from St. Louis, in this section mentioned; which road, as well as the dividends accruing to said States on stock held by them, shall be added to all the provisions aforesaid respecting said roads through the State of Missouri.

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